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Claims 18-24 and 26 remain in this application.

A telephone interview was conducted on May 24, 2006 between Examiner Marisol Figueroa and Emmanuel Rivera. It was agreed that the amended claims as listed in this response overcome the primary reference U.S. Patent No. 6,167,268 to Souissi et al (Souissi). Examiner Figueroa indicated that an additional search will be performed.

1                    **CONCLUSION**

2                    All pending claims 18-24 and 26 are in condition for allowance. Applicant  
3 respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the subject  
4 application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the  
5 Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent  
6 Action.

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